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1. SO FAR WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF SOMALIS RAISING SUBJECT OF CIA SUPPORT TO US STUDENT, YOUTH OR OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.
2. FIRST MENTION IN ANY LOCAL MEDIA IS FOLLOWING STORY APPEARING TODAY (FEBRUARY 23) BACK PAGE GSR-SPONSORED CORRIERE DELLA SOM-LIA: QUOTE LIMITED FINANCING BY CIA TO NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS: WASHINGTON: ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATORIAL COMMITTEE THAT CONTROLS THE ACTIVITY OF AMERICA'S SECRET SERVICE, THAT SERVICE WILL WITHDRAW ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE SECRET SERVICE AFTER HAVING REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE, HAS REFUSED TO NAME THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, BUT HAS SAID THAT IT WOULD BE AN ERROR TO CONTINUE TO FINANCE THE NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "SUBSIDIES" TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HAS CAUSED THE SENATE INQUIRY OF THE SCANDAL OF FINANCES.

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 MEANWHILE, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS SAID THAT THE DECISION TO FAVOR THE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN AT "THE HIGHEST LEVEL" AND THAT, IF THERE HAS BEEN AN ERROR, IT IS A POLITICAL ERROR, AND NOT OF THE SECRET SERVICE UNQUOTE.

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 THURSTON

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